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&lt;&gt; COUNTRY: &lt;&gt;&lt;&gt;COLOMBIA&lt;&gt;&lt;&gt; (CO), &lt;&gt;&lt;&gt;VENEZUELA&lt;&gt;&lt;&gt; (VE)

SUBJ: IIR 6 819 0241 83/MORE OIL NEAR FRONTIER

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DOI: 830719

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SOURCE: A. LOCAL PRESS, 830715 FAIRLY RELIABLE.

B. US EMBASSY OFFICER WHOSE JOB GIVES HIM DIRECT ACCESS TO INFORMATION REPORTED. HAS REPORTED RELIABLE IN THE PAST.

- SUMMARY: A NEW OIL FIND IN ARAUCA DEPARTMENT ONLY 3 KM FROM THE <>>VENEZUELAN<>> BORDER HAS THE POTENTIAL OF PRODUCING 3,667 BARRELS PER DAY FROM A RESERVE ESTIMATED AT 40-50 MILLION BARRELS WHICH MAY PROVE TO BE ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE ULTIMATE PRODUCTION OF THE FIELD. THIS FIND AND THE POTENTIAL OF OTHER FIELDS IN THE AREA PUTS <>>COLOMBIA<>> WELL ON THE ROAD TO PETROLEUM SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY THE END OF THE DECADE.
- TEXT: (1) OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM OF <>>COLOMBIA<>>, AFFILIATED WITH OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES, ANNOUNCED ON 830715 THAT A TEST WELL IN ARAUCA NEAR THE TOWN OF ARAQUITA (702N/7125W) ABOUT 3 KM FROM THE <>>VENEZUELAN<>> BORDER HAS STRUCK OIL AT 8,485 FEET. COMPUTER ESTIMATES THAT THIS FIND WILL PRODUCE 3,667 BARRELS OF CRUDE A DAY, GRADE APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES API, FROM A RESERVE ESTIMATE AT 40-50 MILLION BARRELS. OCCIDENTAL IS OPTIMISTIC AND BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL OIL FIELDS IN THE AREA. EXXON SOME 60 KM TO THE EAST, IS DRILLING AND FINDING OIL AT 18,000 FEET DEPTH. GEOLOGISTS BELIEVE THERE ARE OIL DEPOSITS FURTHER SOUTH IN CASANARE AND META INTERDENCIES.
- (2) ARAQUITA IS ISOLATED. THERE ARE NO EXISTING PIPELINES IN THE AREA AND NO ACCESS ROADS. EVERYTHING FOR THE TEST SITE HAS BEEN FLOWN IN BY HELICOPTER. THE KEY TO EXPLOITING THIS NEW FIND IS A ROAD AND/OR PIPELINE WHICH IS AT LEAST THREE YEARS AWAY.
- <> COMMENTS: <>>COLOMBIA<>>'S OFFICIAL OIL COMPANY, ECOPETROL, IS NOT COMING ON TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OCCIDENTAL FIND. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THIS NEW OIL AND THE EXPLORATION WHICH IT SHOULD GENERATE WILL PUT <>>COLOMBIA<>> WELL ON THE ROAD TO PETROLEUM SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

PROJ: N/A

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EVAL: NO REL TO: NONE

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